

## **Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update** **(as of August 31, 2011)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 154,148 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 121,476.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty-seven patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 19 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-four percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 1,100 different physicians have signed for patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	8,388	7%
Alamosa	352	<1%
Arapahoe	10,888	9%
Archuleta	402	<1%
Baca	57	<1%
Bent	53	<1%
Boulder	11,189	9%
Broomfield	1,200	1%
Chaffee	644	1%
Cheyenne	29	<1%
Clear Creek	503	<1%
Conejos	135	<1%
Costilla	165	<1%
Crowley	69	<1%
Custer	106	<1%
Delta	823	1%
Denver	18,263	15%
Dolores	81	<1%

Douglas	3,919	3%
Eagle	1,305	1%
El Paso	14,427	12%
Elbert	407	<1%
Fremont	1,212	1%
Garfield	1,707	1%
Gilpin	437	<1%
Grand	393	<1%
Gunnison	542	<1%
Hinsdale	20	<1%
Huerfano	208	<1%
Jackson	20	<1%
Jefferson	13,619	11%
Kiowa	17	<1%
Kit Carson	64	<1%
La Plata	1,871	2%
Lake	263	<1%
Larimer	7,504	6%
Las Animas	286	<1%
Lincoln	40	<1%
Logan	232	<1%
Mesa	3,387	3%
Mineral	17	<1%
Moffat	241	<1%
Montezuma	675	1%
Montrose	895	1%
Morgan	207	<1%
Otero	215	<1%
Ouray	150	<1%
Park	858	1%
Phillips	33	<1%
Pitkin	856	1%
Prowers	99	<1%
Pueblo	2,871	2%
Rio Blanco	83	<1%
Rio Grande	195	<1%
Routt	1,135	1%
Saguache	261	<1%
San Juan	35	<1%
San Miguel	557	<1%
Sedgwick	23	<1%
Summit	1,326	1%
Teller	1,025	1%
Washington	53	<1%
Weld	4,360	4%
Yuma	79	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,609	1%
Cancer	2,776	2%
Glaucoma	1,133	1%
HIV/AIDS	644	1%
Muscle Spasms	22,928	19%
Seizures	1,766	1%
Severe Pain	114,520	94%
Severe Nausea	14,671	12%

\*\*Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	68%	40
Female	32%	43

\*\* The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.